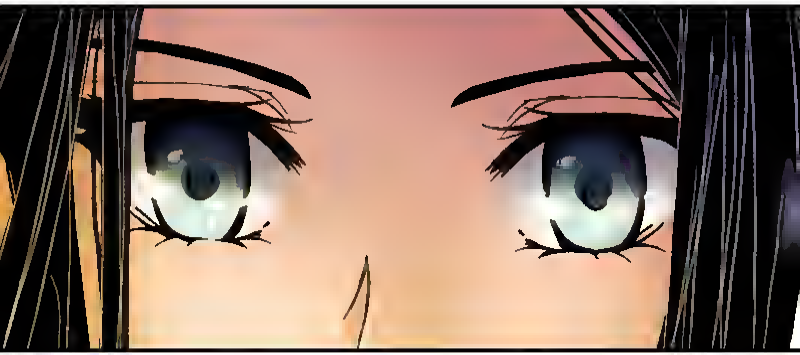
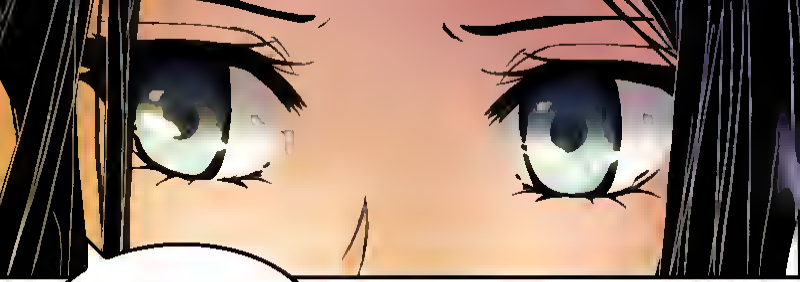
WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT?

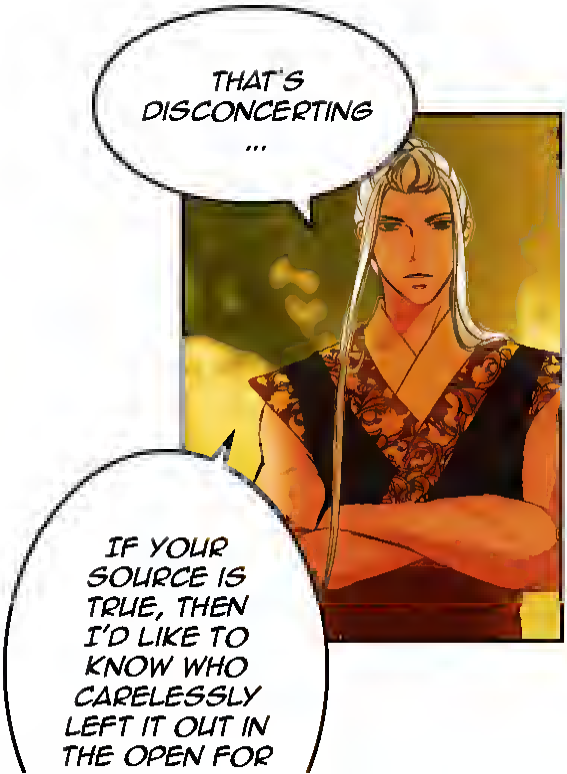
AH...



I DON'T WANT TO GET THE LIEUTENANT IN TROUBLE...

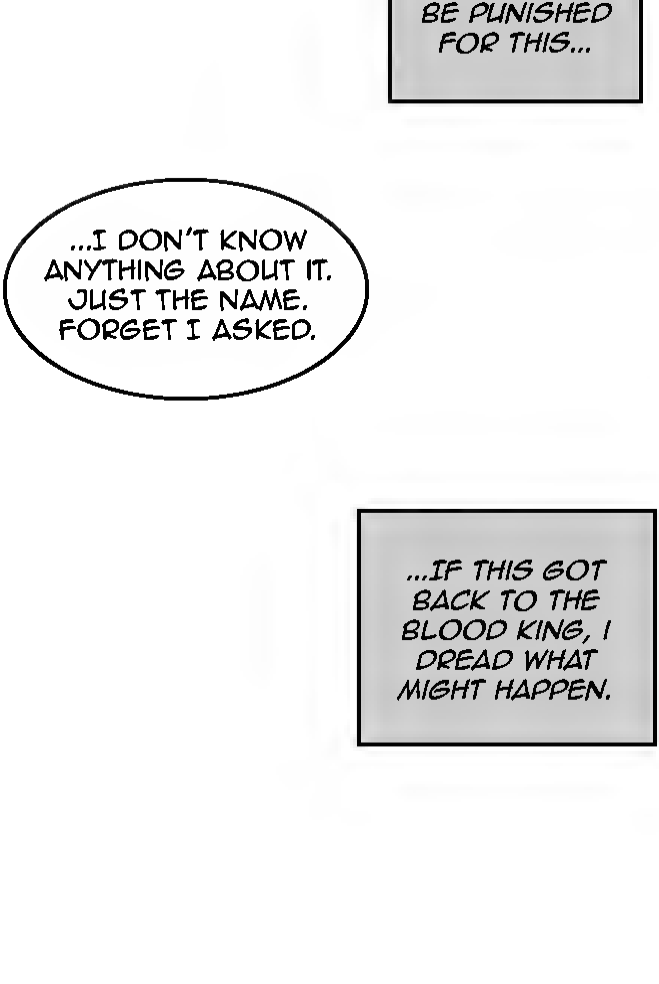


...TECHNICALLY TRUE.


THAT'S DISCONCERTING ...
IF YOUR SOURCE IS TRUE, THEN I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO CARELESSLY LEFT IT OUT IN THE OPEN FOR

YOU TO SEE.

I MAY NOT CARE MUCH FOR THE LIEUTENANT, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO


BE PUNISHED FOR THIS...
...I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. JUST THE NAME. FORGET I ASKED.
...IF THIS GOT BACK TO THE BLOOD KING, I DREAD WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU AS I KNOW YOU...

I COULD EASILY HAVE YOU PLACED IN A CEL

AND QUESTIONED FOR THIS.

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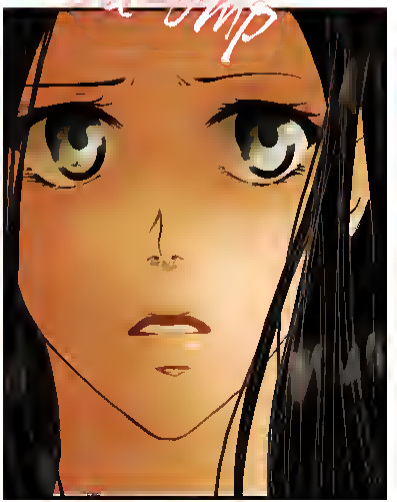


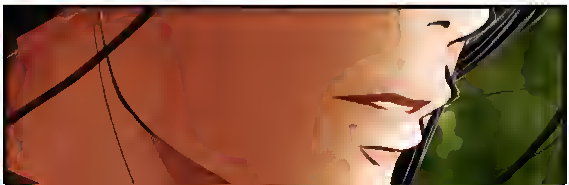
A CELL?!

DON'T LOOK SO FRIGHTENED..
I ALREADY KNOW THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU ISN'T CAPABLE OF TREASON.

AS CUNNING AS YOU CAN BE, YOU'RE STILL TOO IGNORANT OF THE INNERWORKINGS OF THE PALACE FOR ME TO SEE YOUR QUESTION AS A THREAT.

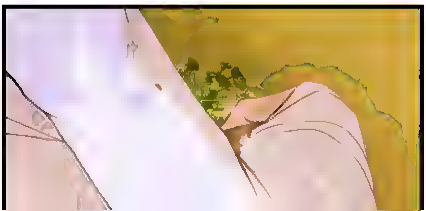
I'D ADVISE YOU TO NOT QUESTION ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS AS WELL.

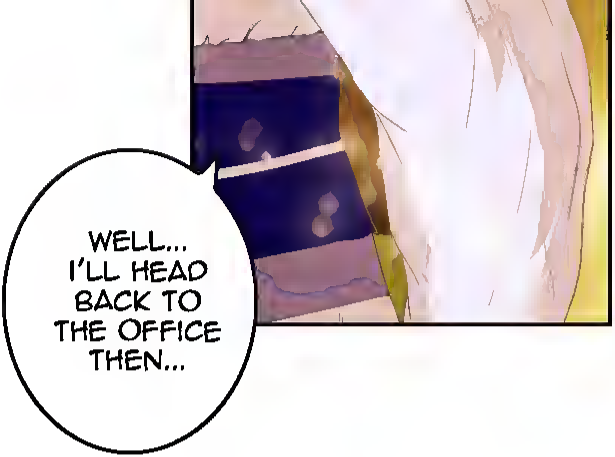
THEY MAY NOT BE AS UNDERSTANDING AS I HAVE BEEN.

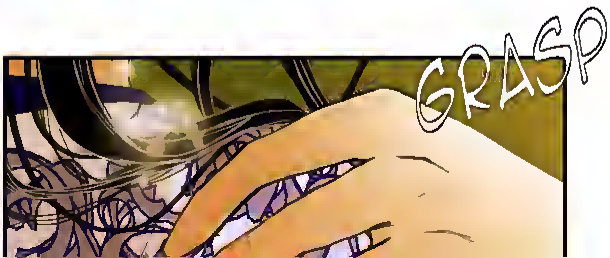


THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL. IT'S LUCKY THAT YUUTA ISN'T QUICK TO MAKE HARSH JUDGMENTS.

BETTER SLIP AWAY WHILE HE'S FEELING GENEROUS.

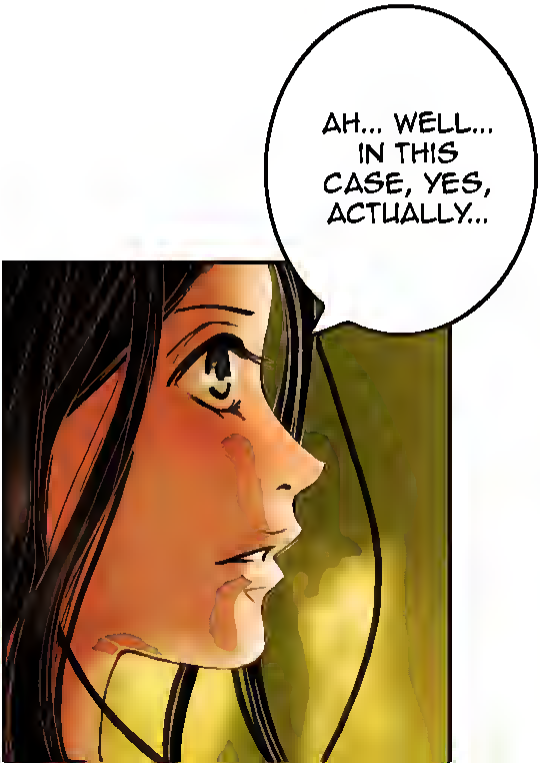


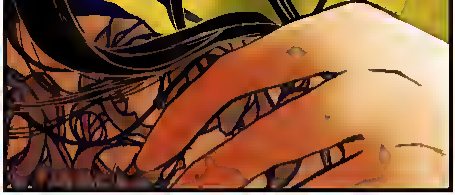

WELL... I'LL HEAD BACK TO THE OFFICE THEN...

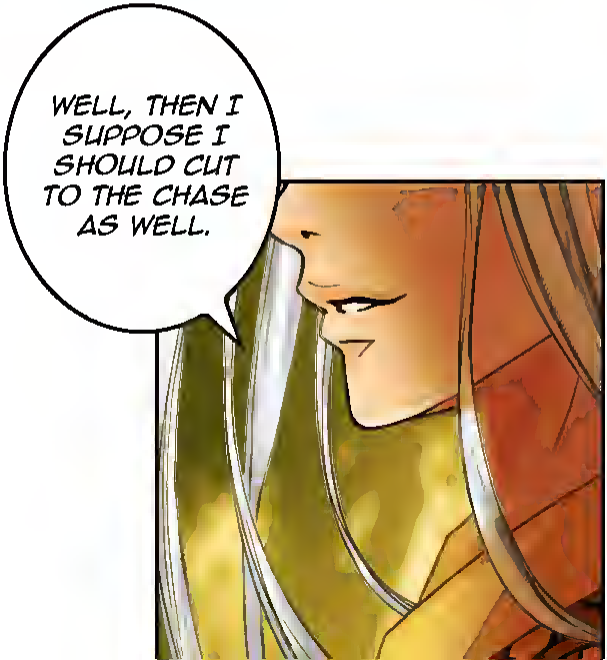

GRASP

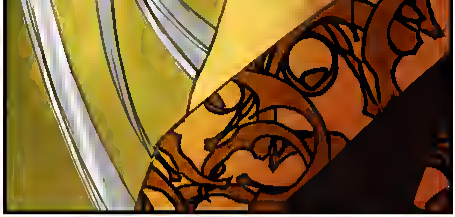
WAIT
...

...MUST YOU RUSH OFF SO SOON?


AH... WELL... IN THIS CASE, YES, ACTUALLY...




WELL, THEN I SUPPOSE I SHOULD CUT TO THE CHASE AS WELL.



...DINE WITH ME.

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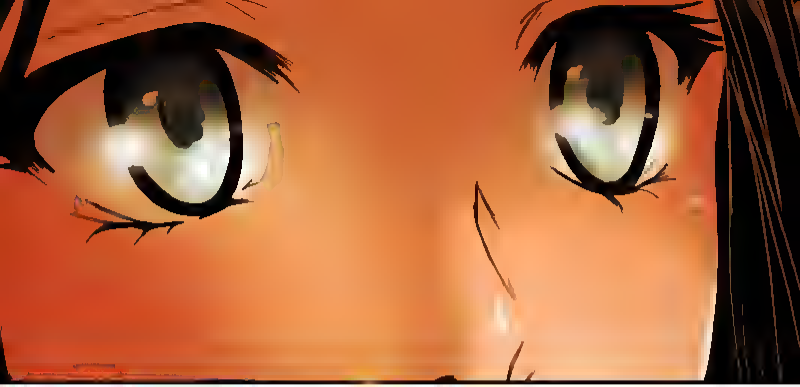
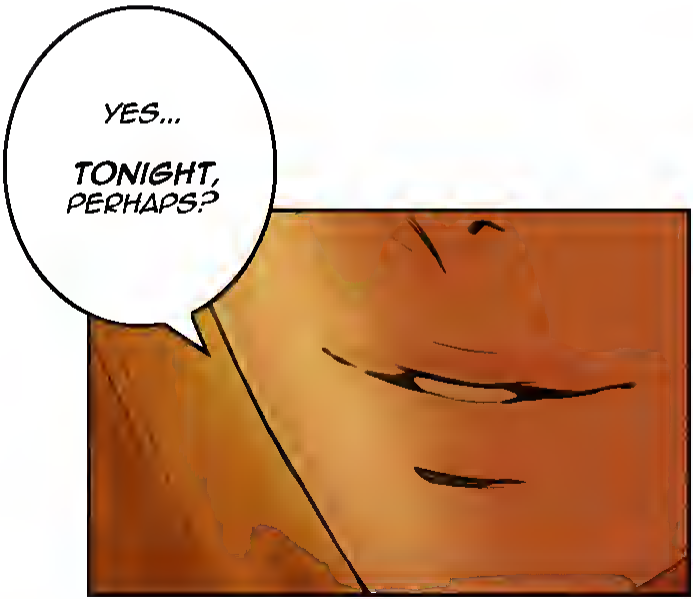
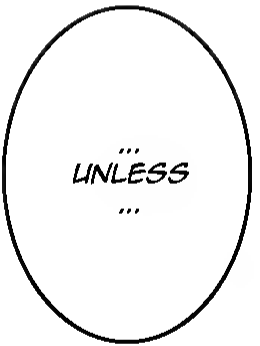


WHAT... DOES HE...?

DINE

WITH
YOU...?


YES...
TONIGHT,
PERHAPS?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UNLESS
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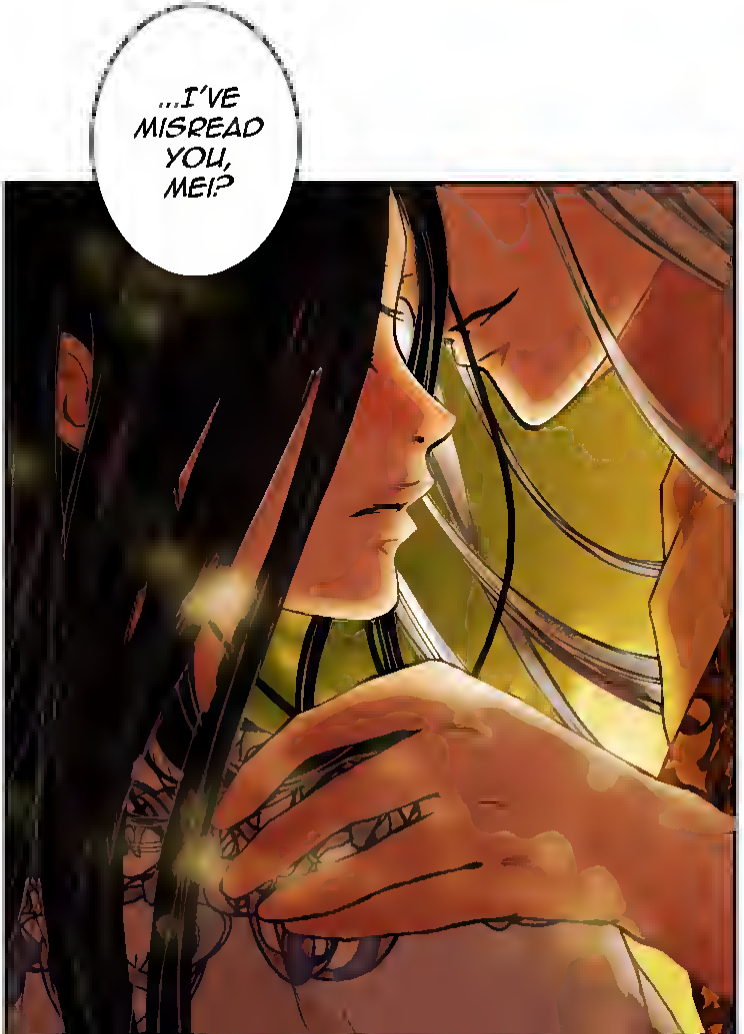
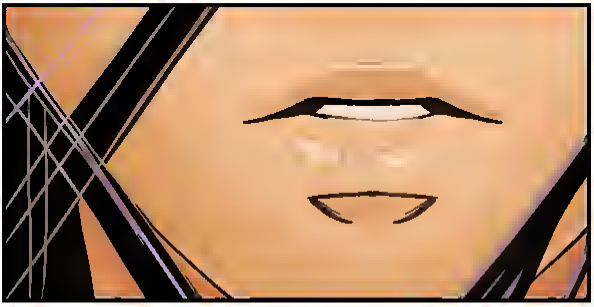
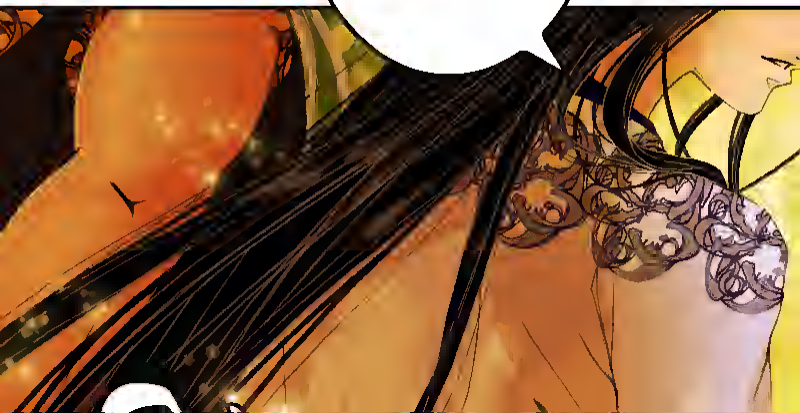

...I'VE MISREAD YOU, MEI?



...YES.

YOU'VE MISREAD ME, YUUTA.



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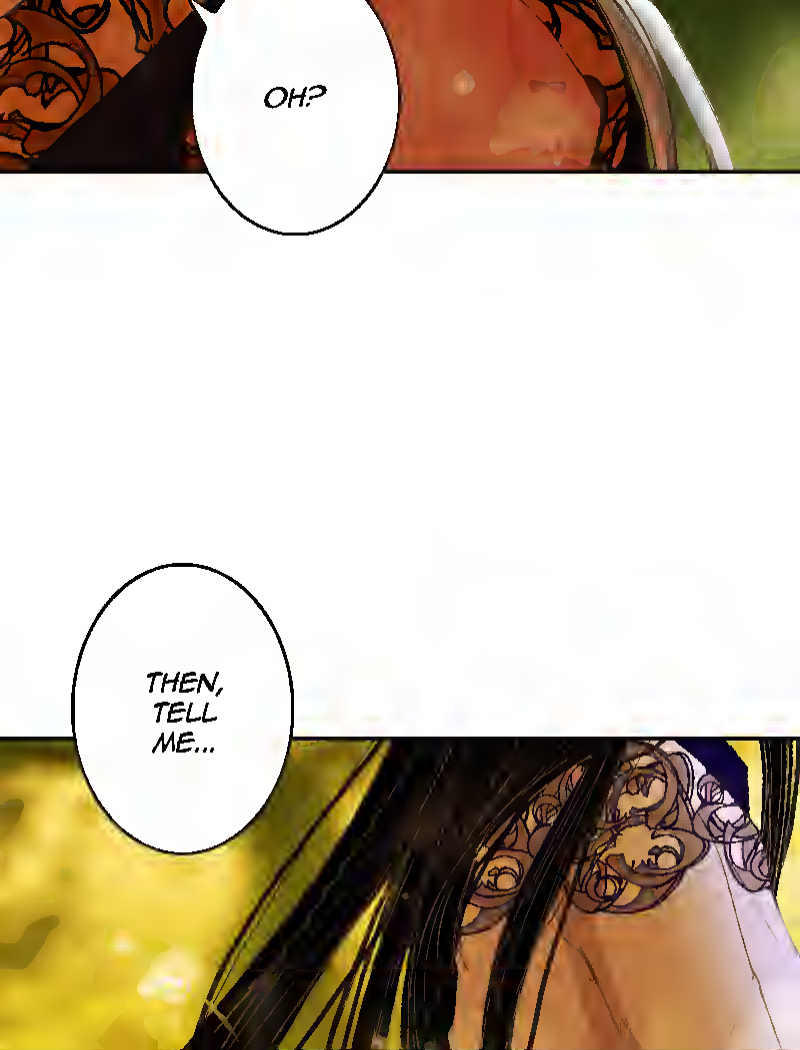
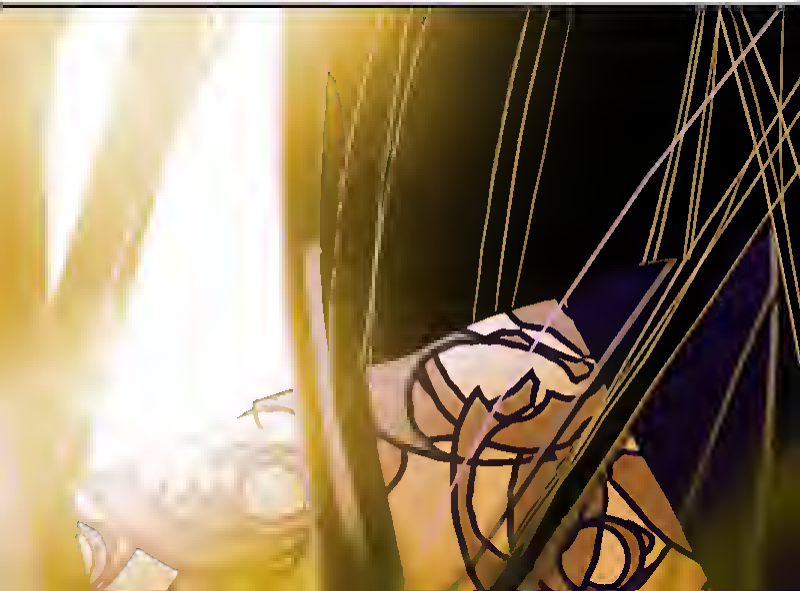
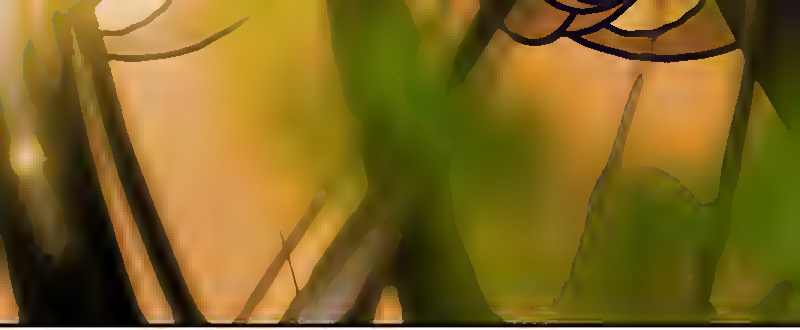

OH?
THEN, TELL ME...

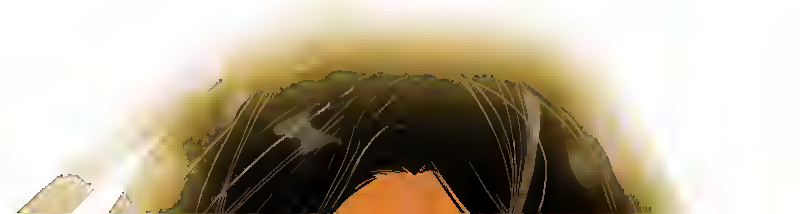
...WHY DO YOU MAKE SUCH AN EXPRESSION WHEN I TOUCH YOU?

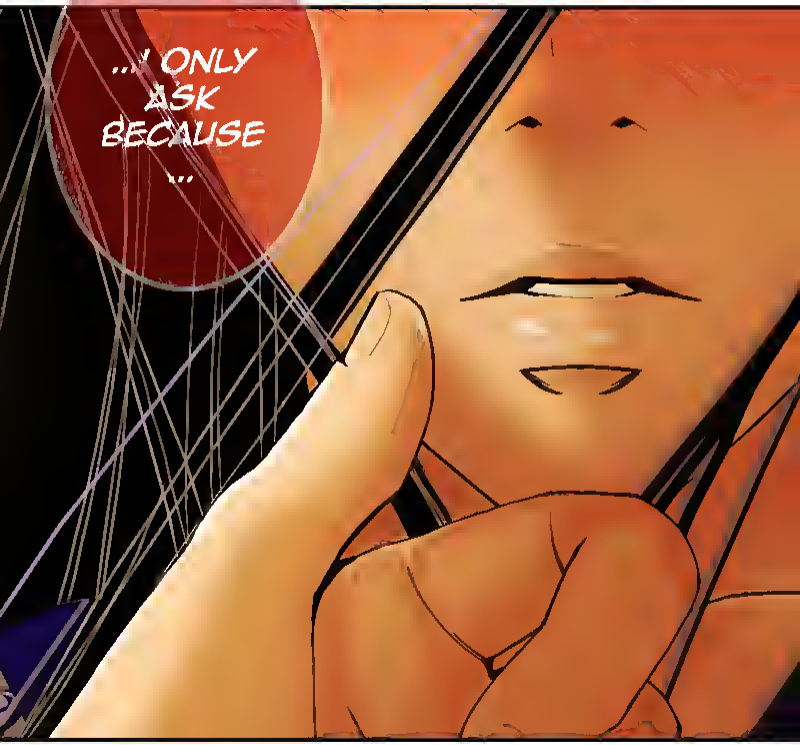
...EXPRESSION?





...WHAT EXPRESSION AM I MAKING?

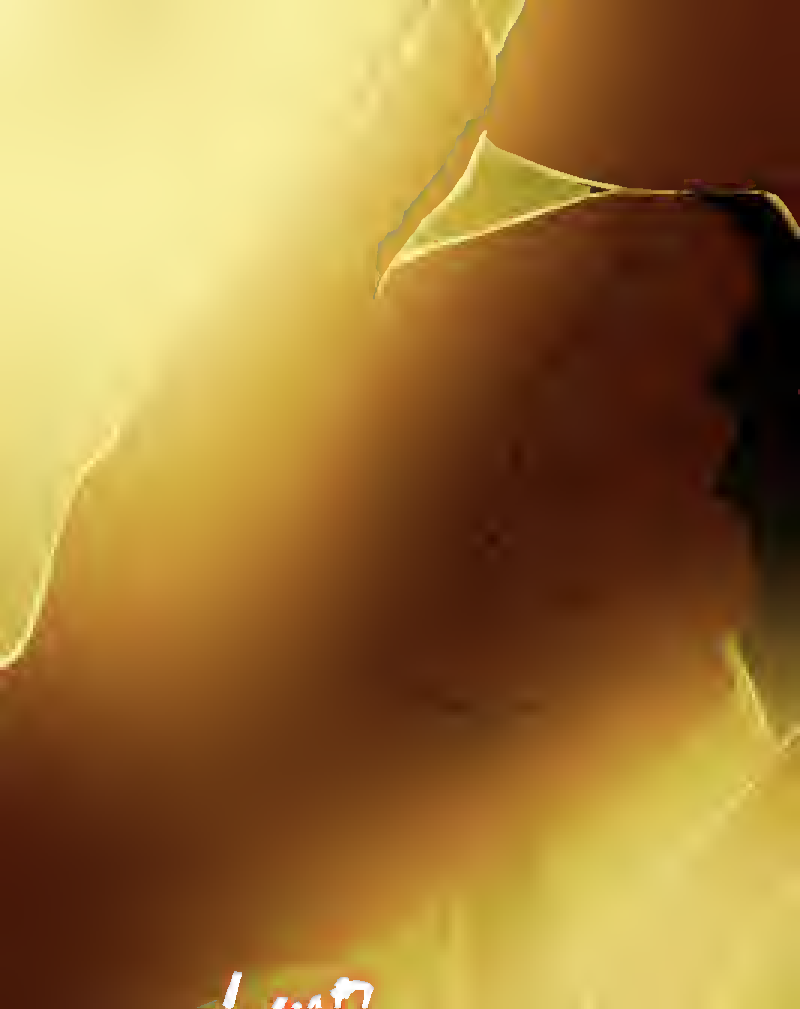



...I ONLY
ASK
BECAUSE
...

ALTHOUGH YOU'D HAVE ME BELIEVE YOU AREN'T INTERESTED ...

...YOUR FACE BETRAYS YOU.

...FOR SUCH A FIERCE WOMAN, YOU HAVE A SURPRISING WEAKNESS.



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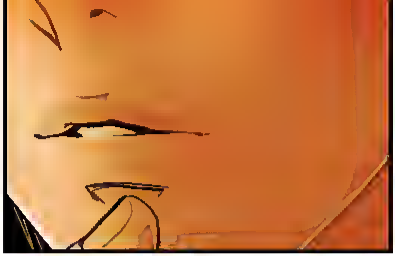
I...



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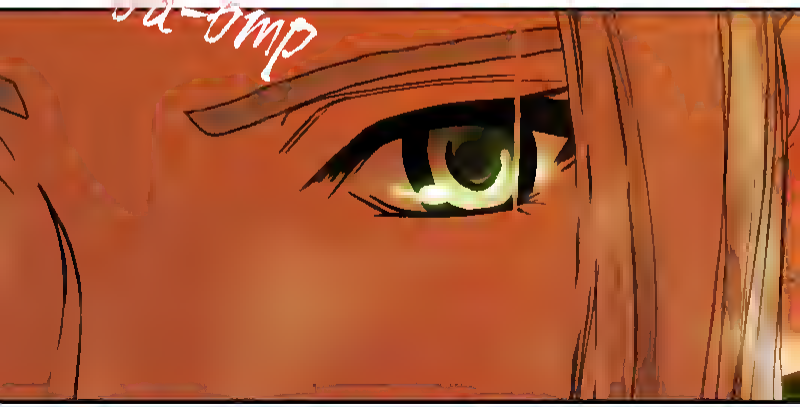

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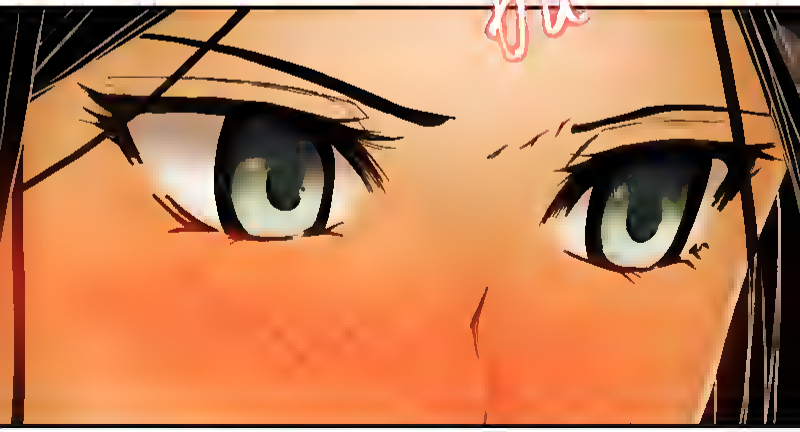
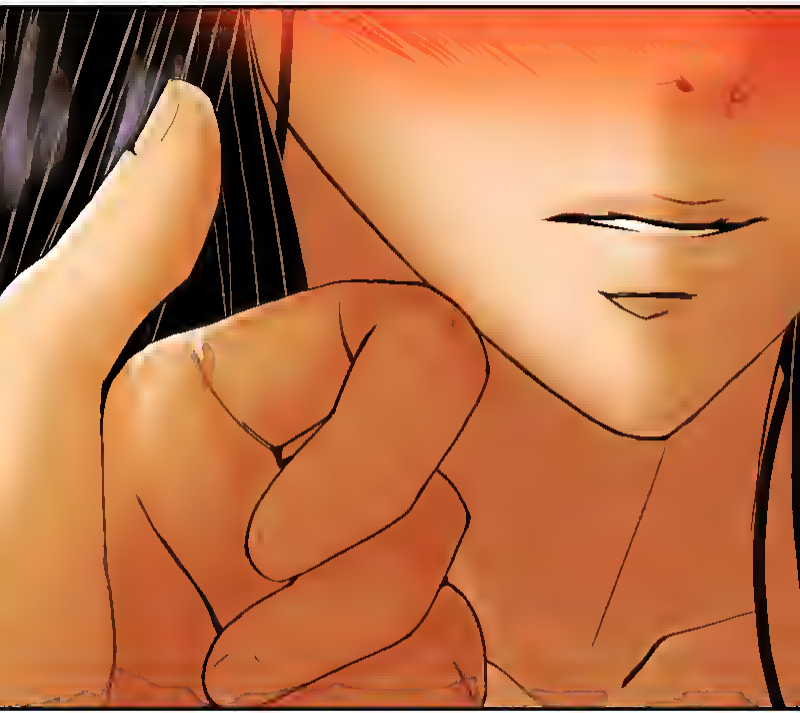


...HIS GAZE IS SO DISARMING.

...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT.



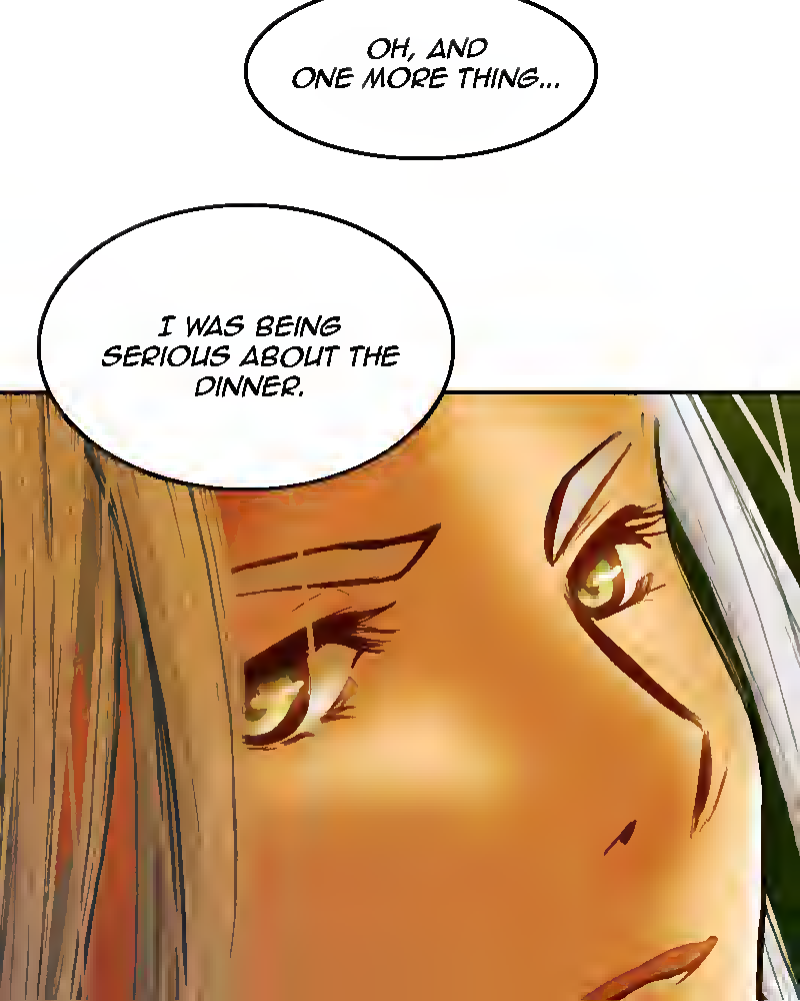
DON'T... DON'T TEASE ME LIKE THAT.
EVEN IF YOU WERE BEING SERIOUS JUST NOW, YOU SHOULD KNOW I'M NOT HERE TO DATE ANYONE.

I'M HERE TO TRAIN AND LEARN UNDER THE COURT PHYSICIAN FOR THE KING.
...YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE IN THIS PALACE?

CHUCKLE
...

...WHAT OTHER REASON IS THERE?

HEH~
NEVERMIND.


OH, AND
ONE MORE THING...
I WAS BEING
SERIOUS ABOUT THE
DINNER.

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UNTIL THEN,
TAKE CARE,
MEI.

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MY KING, ASUKAI KATSU... MAY I ENTER?
YOU MAY PROCEED, GENERAL.

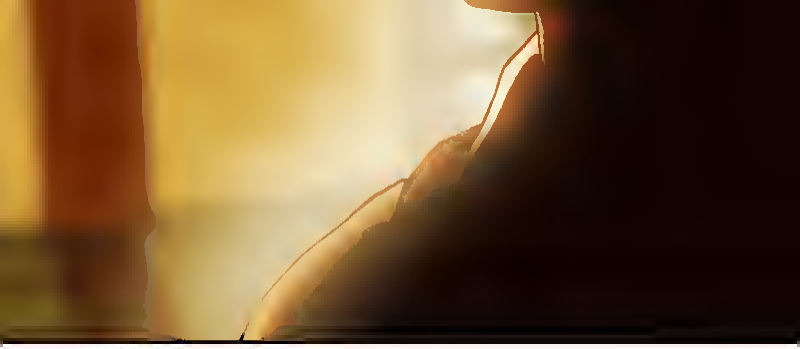
EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE, YOUR HIGHNESS. WE KNOW THEIR AGENDA.

WE AWAIT YOUR WORD, MY KING.

OOD CORE

...IT'S BEEN TOO LONG...

...SINCE I LAST COVERED THIS PALACE IN BLOOD.



BE
READY.

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